MANAGEMENT OF OFFLOAD OPERATIONS IN

A NETWORK STORAGE DRIVER

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ABSTRACT

A network storage driver requests a connection from an offload application, wherein the offload application interfaces with a first network stack implemented in an operating system and a second network stack implemented in a hardware device. The

10   connection is received from the offload application, wherein the received connection is an offloaded connection and is reserved for the network storage driver. Data is communicated over the offloaded connection through the hardware device.